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To: Awards Manager, Professional Gardeners' Trust  
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Re: Helen Jones – Annual Report on completion of training:  
RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture, University of Bristol Botanic Gardens  
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I have now completed my RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture at the University of Bristol Botanical Gardens, for which I gratefully received the amount of £800 which provided the full cost of my course fees, kindly donated by Finnis Scott Foundation. My former career was as a PA/Administrator in Higher Education.

I took and passed the first four exams in February 2020. I have taken two of the remaining exams in September and will complete the remaining two in February 2021.

The course has taught me a broad range of skills. As well as the in depth lectures, the practical teaching was particularly useful, on sowing seeds, plot preparation and planting, plant identification and plant health. Together with the excellent guided teaching tours around the Botanic Gardens, it gave me the confidence to branch out and approach new clients in the Bristol area.

I now have six clients, including two new clients in Portishead and two in Westbury Park, Bristol. The services I provide are lawn mowing (I now have my own battery operated mower and hedge trimmer), lawn maintenance, weeding, pruning, deadheading, hedge trimming and topiary and general garden tidying/clearance. Because of what I learnt on the course I also now feel confident to offer some advice on garden planning and design.

I attach a photo of me at work mowing the lawn in a clients garden. This particular garden is on three levels, with a coastal aspect, in North Somerset.

With thank you again for all your support.

Helen Jones